

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An integrated circuit ~~comprising comprising:~~
a signal transmission channel including radio frequencies ~~and;~~ and
an integrated tester ~~intended to test radio characteristics of said integrated circuit,~~
~~wherein said tester is independent of said signal transmission channel,~~ said tester
comprising:
first means for recovering a part of the ~~a~~ signal generated by the
transmission channel at a first frequency,
second means for converting said recovered signal from the first frequency
into a second frequency,
an amplifier for amplifying said signal at this second frequency, and
a rectifier for rectifying said signal.
2. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
tester further comprises detection means for detecting the validity of the signal generated
by the transmission channel.
3. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
tester further comprises a filter for filtering harmonics of the signal.
4. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
first frequency is a radio frequency and the second frequency is a low frequency.

5. (currently amended) A method of testing an integrated circuit comprising a signal transmission channel including radio frequencies, said method ~~being intended to test~~ radio characteristics of said integrated circuit and being independent of said transmission channel, said method comprising ~~the following steps:~~

recovering a part of ~~the a~~ signal generated by the transmission channel at a first frequency,

converting the first frequency of the recovered signal into a second frequency,

amplifying said signal at this second frequency, and

rectifying said signal.

6. (currently amended) A method of testing an integrated circuit as claimed in claim 5, further comprising ~~a step of~~ detecting the validity of the signal generated by the transmission channel.

7. (currently amended) A method of testing an integrated circuit as claimed in claim 5, comprising ~~a step of~~ filtering harmonics of said signal.

8. (currently amended) A tester for testing radio characteristics of a transmission channel of an integrated circuit, said tester ~~being intended configured~~ to be integrated with said integrated circuit and ~~to be independent of said signal transmission channel,~~ said tester comprising:

first means for recovering a part of the signal generated by the transmission channel at a ~~first frequency~~ frequency,

second means for converting said signal recovered from the first frequency into a ~~second frequency~~ frequency,

an amplifier for amplifying said signal ~~to at~~ this second frequency, and

a rectifier for rectifying said signal.

9. (previously presented) A tester as claimed by claim 8, further comprising detection means for detecting the validity of the signal generated by the transmission channel.

10. (previously presented) A tester as claimed by claim 8, further comprising a filter for filtering harmonics of said signal.
11. (previously presented) A transmitter comprising an integrated circuit comprising a tester as claimed in claim 8.
12. (new) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said tester is further configured to output a comparison signal separately from said signal transmission channel.
13. (new) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 12, wherein said tester is further configured to output the comparison signal along a signal path separate from an antenna signal path.
14. (new) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first means is further configured to recover about 1/1000 of the signal generated by the transmission channel, wherein the first means possesses an attenuation of about 30 dB.
15. (new) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the detection means is configured to detect the validity of a power level of the signal generated by the transmission channel to verify that the power level is within an expected range.
16. (new) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the detection means is configured to detect a spectral purity of the signal generated by the transmission channel.
17. (new) A method of testing an integrated circuit as claimed in claim 5, further comprising outputting a comparison signal separately from said signal transmission channel along a signal path separate from an antenna signal path.

18. (new) A method of testing an integrated circuit as claimed in claim 5, wherein recovering the part of the signal generated by the transmission channel further comprises recovering about 1/1000 of the signal generated by the transmission channel for an attenuation of about 30 dB.

19. (new) A method of testing an integrated circuit as claimed in claim 5, wherein detecting the validity of the signal generated by the transmission channel further comprises detecting one or both of:

a validity of a power level of the signal generated by the transmission channel to verify that the power level is within an expected range; and

a spectral purity of the signal generated by the transmission channel.

20. (new) A tester as claimed by claim 8, wherein said tester is further configured to output a comparison signal separately from said signal transmission channel along a signal path separate from an antenna signal path.